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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2 EA PRESS SUMMARY

### 1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

KR REPORTEDLY KILLED 30 PEOPLE/BURNED VILLAGES BECAUSE  
THAI VILLAGER FAILED DELIVER PAID-FOR GOODS WITHIN AGREED  
TIME (AFP, NYT; CHITRIB).

TELTSCHE (NYT) REPORTS VN'S UN OBSERVER DINH BA THI OBJECTS  
TO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. DOES BACKGROUNDER ON THI. SAYS  
MISSION APPARENTLY SHOCKED WHEN NUMBER ANTIWAR LEADERS  
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT/CONCERN AT HANOI'S REPORTED  
ADOPTION REPRESSIVE POLICIES SINCE WAR'S END. MENTIONS  
THI CONVINCED CONCERTED CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED TO PREVENT  
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US AID TO VN/MAINTAINS US DEMAND FOR MIA ACCOUNTING IS  
PRETEXT TO JUSTIFY US VETOES.

CANADIAN VOLAG DONATES 15,000 DOLS/MEDICINE WORTH 5000  
FOR WOMEN VICTIMS OF VN WAR (REUTER HK).

IN ARTICLE ABOUT PAUL WARNKE'S APPOINTMENT TO HEAD ACDA,  
CSM'S SOUTHERLAND QUOTES PENTAGON PAPERS THAT THEN ASST  
SECDEF FOUGHT PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION NVN BOMBING.

ARMY RADIO STATION IN THAILAND ABRUPTLY CLOSED DOWN BY COL IN COMMAND. DIPLOMATS SEE AFFAIR AS SIGN DIFFERENCES BETW SOME MIL LEADERS/GOVT (REUTER BANGKOK).

## 2. AUSTRALIA/PACIFIC ISLANDS

FRENCH OFFICIALS REJECT CLAIM THAT PLANNED NUKE TESTS IN PAC COULD DEVASTATE SF; DISMISS ALLEGATIONS MADE BY AUSSIE FILM PRODUCER/ANTI-NUKE ACITVIST GORDON MUTCH (REUTER PARIS).

## 3. CHINA

PEKING MAYOR WU TEH/FEW OTHER POLITBURO MEMBERS HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT REHABILITATING TENG HSIAO-PING DUE CREDIBILITY PROBLEM IN EXPLAINING HOW TENG COULD BE SO QUICKLY RESTORED TO POWER AFTER BEING SACKED BY MAO (REUTER PEKING).

MATHEWS (WP) QUOTES REPORTS THAT POL TROUBLES LEAVE MARK ON WUHAN. NOTES WUHAN WAS 1 OF FIRST TO REPORT FACTIONAL FIGHTING IN OCT. KILBORN (CSM) QUOTES UK TRADE CONSULTANT THAT "GANG OF FOUR" HAD DISRUPTED PRC INDUSTRY SO BADLY THAT MOST OF 1977 NEEDED FOR RECOVERY, BUT THEN CHINA WILL BE READY FOR "SPEEDY TAKEOFF" TOWARD MODERNIZATION GOAL. CONSULTANT DESCRIBES PRC INTEREST IN IMPORTING UNCLASSIFIED

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SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT/MACHINERY. BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS NEW POSTER IN CANTON DEPLORE ECON BACKWARDNESS, SAY LOW LIVING STD BROUGHT BREAKDOWN SOCIAL ORDER/RISE IN CRIME. ADDS POSTER PROPOSES REFORMS INCL MORE CONSUMER GOODS/HIGHER WAGES/ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY/GIVING WORKERS MORE SAY IN ECONOMY. CALLS POSTER MOST DARINGLY WORDED/FAR REACHING SO FAR. PHINQ REPORTS PRC GOVT ATTACKS CHIANG CHING FOR TRYING DRESS WOMEN IN SKIRT/BLOUSE; STYLE NEVER CAUGHT ON, PRC NOW HAS WAREHOUSES FULL UNSOLD SKIRTS/BLOUSES.

PORTUGAL HAS REPEATEDLY TRIED GIVE MACAO TO CHINA, BUT PEKING REFUSED OFFER (AP, SUN).

MCELHENY (NYT) SAYS US AG SPECIALISTS HAVE VISITED PRC TO STUDY HOW INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION. STATES EXPERTS THINK INCREASES ACHIEVED BY INTENSIFYING WELL-KNOWN METHODS/ UNUSUAL MEASURES SUCH AS REQUIRING AG SCIENTISTS SPEND 1 YR IN 3 AT RURAL COMMUNES. DESCRIBES GOVT POLICIES/ METHODS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

IN ARTICLE ON BANNING BOMB, DRUMMOND (CSM) MENTIONS ACDA'S FOSTER WONDERES WHAT USSR RESPONSE WOULD BE IF PRES SUGGESTS TO BREZHNEV THAT BOTH END NUKE WEAPONS TESTS, INVITE PRC/

FRANCE/UK/POTENTIAL NUKE POWERS TO DO SAME.

AT ANNUAL MTG IN FLA, NATL COTTON COUNCIL MEMBER SAYS US MUST SIGN BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT W/CHINA SINCE IT IS ONLY REMAINING UNCONTROLLED LOW-WAGE COUNTRY OUTSIDE GATT'S MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (REUTER ORLANDO).

TOM WANG, TAIWANESE RESIDENT OF US, KIDNAPPED IN HK, TAKEN TO TAIWAN WHERE TORTURED/TRIED/SENTENCED TO LIFE LAST MO, ACCORDING WIFE. TAIWAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON SAYS WANG ENTERED TAIWAN VOLUNTARILY, WAS ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN LETTER-BOMBING. DOS'S TRATTNER SAYS USG LOOKING INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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MATTER (WP).

#### 4. CHINA/JAPAN

SN PEKING DISPATCH, JAPANESE FINANCIAL PAPER SAID PRC WILL PROBABLY SELL JAPAN NO MORE THAN 48 MIL BBL CRUDE OIL IN '77, 9.8 MIL BBL LESS THAN LAST YR. CHINESE ALSO WANT 8.4 PCT PRICE HIKE TO MATCH OPEC'S INCREASE (UPI, JOC).

#### 5. JAPAN

ADDRESSING GROUP BRITISH JOURNALISTS 2/2, FUKUDA SAID WAS VITAL THAT JAPAN/US/FRG CO-OPERATE TO PREVENT TRADE WAR/INTL POL TURMOIL. PM WARNED AGAINST CONTINUATION PRESENT WORLD ECON CONFUSION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO CHAIN REACTION OF PROTECTIONISM/CAUSE INTL ECON SLUMP COMPARABLE TO EARLY 1930'S (NEALE, REUTER).

DREYER (JOC) REPORTS "TOKYO ROUND" ECON TALKS UNLIKELY PRODUCE MEANINGFUL RESULTS/MAY HAVE TO BE ABANDONED IF WASHINGTON DELAYS ANY FURTHER IN APPOINTING PRES' SPECIAL TRADE REP, OR IF NEW REP UNFAMILIAR W/SUBJECT MATTER.

GOJ'S DEF FACILITIES AGENCY SAYS US WITHDREW ABOUT 4000 SERVICEMEN FROM JAPAN IN 2ND HALF '76, REDUCING US FORCES THERE TO 46,000. OTHER DEF AGENCY SOURCES SAY REDUCTION MARKED REUTRN TO "NIXON DOCTRINE" THAT ASIAN NATIONS SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN DEF (UPI).

SONY HAS REACHED BASIC AGREEMNT W/ZENITH TO SUPPLY KNOW-HOW ON SONY'S "BETAMAX" HOME VIDEOTAPE RECORDER. ZENITH EXPECTED START PRODUCTION/MARKETING UNDER OWN NAME IN US THIS FALL (REUTER).

DESPITE JUSTICE DEPT OBJECTIONS, ITC VOTED TO ORDER INVESTIGATION OF STAINLESS STEEL PIPE/TUBE IMPORTS FROM JAPAN. UNCLASSIFIED

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INQUIRY COULD LAST UP TO 18 MOS (WSJ).

IN ITEM ON DAMAGE TO BRITISH MARKET DUE AUTO IMPORTS, REUTER'S HARVEY (CSM) NOTES UK MFRS STILL WORRIED ABOUT BIG JAPANESE SALES, DESPITE RECENT LIMITATIONS. NEW TALKS ON SUBJECT WERE SCHEDULED BEGIN END OF JANUARY W/VISITING DELEGATION.

JAPANESE CABINET TUESDAY APPROVED 10-YR PROGRAM DESIGNED ELEVATE WOMEN'S STATUS IN JAPAN. PROGRAM IS IN LINE W/ RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT WORLD WOMEN'S CONGRESS 2 YRS AGO, CALLS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS W/MEN AS GUARANTEED UNDER JAPAN'S CONSTITUTION (CSM).

LEVINE (CSM) DOES ITEM ON JAPAN'S UNIQUE BLEND ANTINQUITY W/MODERNITY. NOTES TEMPLES/FLOWER DECORUM CONTRAST W/PIZZA PARLORS/URBAN BUSTLE.

#### 6. PHILIPPINES

WIDEMAN (WP) REPORTS 11-DAY-OLD CEASEFIRE IN S PHILS HOLDING, BUT LASTING PEACE STILL UNCERTAIN. FINDS STRONG CHRISTIAN BACKLASH AGAINST PEACE AGREEMENT DUE ITS PROVISIONS FOR EVENTUAL AUTONOMY 13 S PHILS PROVS. OBSERVERS SAY COMING ROUND TRIPOLI TALKS WILL TAKE HIGHEST DEGREE POL ACUMEN/DIPL FINESSE TO SATISFY REBELS/ISLAMIC NATIONS/ PHILS' CHRISTIAN CONSTITUENCY.

PROMINENT FIL LAWYER/FORMER SEN TANADA HAS ASKED PHIL SUPREME COURT TO ORDER RELEASE 10 PRISONERS, HELD 3 YRS W/O CHARGES, ON GROUNDS THIS CONSTITUTED CRUEL/UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT (DEL MUNDO, UPI).

#### 7. MICRONESIA

IN LENGTHY ARTICLE, PRYOR (LAT 2/1) REPORTS US/JAPAN/IRAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CHECKING INTO FEASIBILITY FOR CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT IN BUILDING OIL SUPERPORT, DESIGNED SERVE ENTIRE PAC REGION, ON PALAU ISLANDS. SUPPORTERS DENY ANY ATTEMPT HIDE PROPOSAL, THO NEITHER CONGRESS NOR JAPANESE DIET HAS DISCUSSED MATTER. ENVIRONMENTALISTS OPPOSE PROJECT/FINAL DECISION RESTS W/PALAUANS.

IN RELATED ARTICLE ON SAME PAGE, GOODMAN STATES PORT PLAN CONCEIVED BY PROMOTER ROBT PANERO/GIVEN ADDED IMPETUS FROM HIS CLOSE FRIEND, FRED ZEDER, WHOM FORD APPOINTED DIRECTOR PAC TRUST TERR. BOTH ARGUE PLAN WOULD SOLVE INCOME PROBLEM FOR MICRONESIA SHOULD IT VOTE FOR INDEPENDENCE IN 1981.

8. KOREA

FORMER AMB/LEGISLATOR KANG MUN-DONG ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTING BRIBES/MAKING FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PRES PARK. PROSECUTION DEMANDING 15-YR PRISON TERM/IMPOSITION OVER 100,000 DOLS IN FINES; KANG DENIED ALL CHARGES (UPI).

9. GENERAL

ACCORDING MASS REP STUDDS, US WILL BE PREPARED ENFORCE NEW 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT WHEN IT TAKES EFFECT 3/1. ROC/SK/ OTHERS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED BILATERAL TREATIES PERMITTING THEM FISH WITHIN NEW LIMIT; AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN/CANADA/ SPAIN/EC STILL MUST BE COMPLETED (BOTWRIGHT, GLOBE 1/30).

IN TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS CMTE 2/2, TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL SAID US ASSERTING LEADERSHIP IN ECON AREA/ASKED STRONGER NATIONS FOLLOW SUIT. SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED JAPAN/FRG IN CALLS FOR FASTER ECON GROWTH.

10. VP'S TRIP

MONDALE CONFIRMED TO GOJ OFFICIALS THAT US INTENDS WITH- UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAW GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA, VOICED CONCERN OVER BILATERAL TRADE RELS (MIKE THARP, WSJ). VP ASSURED FUKUDA CONTINUING US ATTN TO ASIA. ADDED WITHDRAWAL FROM SK WILL NOT BE DRASTIC/SUDDEN, W/AIR CAPABILITY MAINTAINED. ECON PROBLEMS DISCUSSED (DAVID THARP, CSM).

VP RETURNS TO US, TELLS PRES RELS W/FRIENDS ON "FIRMEST, MOST OPTIMISTIC BASIS" (AP PHINQ). WIEGHART (NYDN) DESCRIBES MONDALE'S STYLE ON TRIP; GIVES HIGH MARKS. TREWHITT (SUN) QUOTES VP THAT 2 SUMMITS MAY DEVELOP: 1 ON ECONOMICS, OTHER ON SECURITY ISSUES. NOTES, W/JAPAN DISCREETLY DROPPING CLAIM TO BE HOST, ECON CONF WILL PROBABLY BE HELD LONDON. WEINRAUB (NYT) QUOTES VP ON RETURN THAT MAJOR NATIONS NOW HAVE CLEAR VIEW US INTENTIONS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

MORITZ (CSM) SAYS ANALYSTS AWAIT PP REPLY TO BANGKOK PROTEST OVER BORDER INCIDENT. NOTES CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS NEAR ARANYAPRATHET DID NOT REJECT DOCUMENT, BUT PP'S INTENTIONS UNCLEAR. WONDERES WHETHER CAMBODIA HAS ALTERED POLICY TOWARD THAILAND SHARPLY, OR IF LOCAL CMDRS ORDERED ATTACK FOR LOCAL REASONS. REVIEWS CAMBODIAN RELS W/THAILAND.

MCMANUS (GLOBE) INTERVIEWS GLORIA EMERSON. SAYS FOR HER  
VN WAR GOES ON. MENTIONS HER GOOK, "WINNERS AND LOSERS."  
ADDS SOMETIMES HER ANGER GETS IN WAY OF TELLING STORIES.  
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